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awesome stories –

www.awesomestories.com (reading)

This site features stories from history, classic literature, movies, & helps tell the story behind the scenes with primary sources, videos, & more.



debategraph – debategraph.org
(communication)

Users can evaluate the opinions in hot-button topics by exploring the webbed diagrams of different aspects for a debate.



duolingo – www.duolingo.com
(world languages)

A free language learning service that allows you to read, listen, & translate words & phrases in a variety of interactive activities.



hemingway – www.hemingwayapp.com (writing)

A free tool designed for students to analyze their writing. The site will highlight parts of their writing that use passive voice, adverbs, & complex sentences.



inkewriter – bit.ly/1iZUI3S
(composition)

This site is a platform for students to write interactive stories or “choose your own adventure” style by linking pieces of their stories together.



national novel writing month –
young writers program –
ywp.nanowrimo.org (composition)

November is National Novel Writing Month, but students can use this site all year long to keep them inspired in writing.



oneword – www.oneword.com
(writing)

Oneword is a simple writing prompt generator. Students are presented with one word & have sixty seconds to write whatever comes to mind.



rewordify.com – rewordify.com
(reading)

The purpose of this site is to help students read complex text passages & rephrasing in simpler, easy to understand terms.



storytoolz – www.storytoolz.com
(writing)

This site is a collection of tools for writers who are struggling with writing ideas. It features a story idea generator, random conflicts, cliché busters, & more.



summarizethis –
www.summarizethis.com (reading)

This is a reading tool that summarizes the main points of long text articles.



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a novel idea (composition)

Have students plot their stories by adding in details of their characters, locations, scenes, ideas, & novels (theme, tone, POV, etc...) to link them together. (free)



presentation timer+ (communication)

Students can create a time limit for each section of a presentation with alerts to help them manage their time for the delivery of information. (iPhone – free)



classical contraption (literature)

This game style app helps students memorize & familiarize them with poetry. (free/\$0.99)



spelling notebook (spelling)

Create words lists with dictation & games for practice. Results are kept & can be emailed to the teacher. (free/\$0.99)



flowboard (composition)

Can be used to teach students about the design of a composition by creating an interactive presentation. (iPad – free)



swipespeare – modern shakespeare (literature)

This app translates the words of Shakespeare with a swipe of a finger from the original text to a more modern style. (free/\$29.99)



haiku deck (communication)

Create beautiful presentations with built-in templates. This app limits how much text can be placed on the slides, to help students focus on the content. (free)



winning words – synonym, antonym, homophone match (grammar)

A series of apps that features a memory style vocabulary game. Three levels of difficulty are included. (iPad – free)



peer edit (composition)

Provide comprehensive & prompt review of a student's work by selecting from a preloaded checklist. No uploads are needed, but instead constructive feedback is emailed to the student. (\$4.99)



writing prompts (composition)

This app randomly generates writing prompts from five categories – sketches, scenes, texts, words, & news. (\$1.99/\$4.99)



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